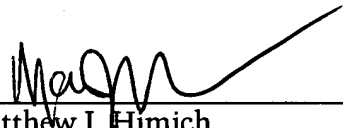


REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312, the above-referenced application has been amended after notification of allowance to attend to an informality in claim 12. The purpose of the amendment is to add the word --the-- before "adhesive layer." No other changes to the claims have been made. Applicant received a notice of allowance on August 23, 2004. The issue fee has not been paid. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-referenced amendment and notification to that effect prior to the issuance of the patent.

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